

AP English Language & Composition: Summer Reading 2019

Welcome to AP English Language & Comp! This particular course moves at an incredibly fast pace, so it is absolutely necessary to complete summer assignments. Keep in mind that summer work is *required* and your efforts will set the tone for your experiences in this class.

For this summer assignment, you will read the memoir *Educated* by Tara Westover. While reading this memoir, you might look for (and take notes on) the following things:

Irony

- Situational
- Verbal
- Dramatic

Syntax

- Sentence structure
- Repetition
- Length of sentences
- Importance of first/last words in sentences

Diction

- Repeated words or patterns
- Elevated, journalistic language
- Fluency
- How does diction indicate audience?

Selection of Detail

Patterns of Imagery

Point of View

Author's purpose/technique/main meaning or ideas

Important quotes/ideas that support your analysis of those techniques

Try to take notes on a variety of methods so you have choices when it comes time to write the essay that first week we return to school.

Please note we will write an in-class essay about this memoir on 8/30.

PLEASE email me with any questions at any point in the summer. I am happy to discuss the book or the assignment with you at any point. I am so looking forward to working with you all!